

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electro-optical device, comprising:
  - a first substrate having a plurality of pixel electrodes;
  - a second substrate having an opposing electrode facing the pixel
  - 5 electrodes; and
  - an electro-optical material interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,
  - the electro-optical material between adjacent pixel electrodes being driven by mutually opposite polarity having a thickness less than a thickness of the
  - 10 electro-optical material between adjacent pixel electrodes being driven by same polarity.
2. The electro-optical device according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - a thickness D of the electro-optical material formed in a transmissive
  - area in relation to the pixel electrode; and
  - 15 a spacing W formed between the adjacent pixel electrodes being driven by mutually opposite polarity;
  - the adjacent pixel electrodes arranged to have a relationship of  $0.5D < W$ .
3. The electro-optical device according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - 20 a spacing W formed between the adjacent pixel electrodes being driven by mutually opposite polarity;
  - a thickness d of the electro-optical material between one of the adjacent pixel electrodes being driven by mutually opposite polarity and the opposing electrode;
  - 25 the spacing being nearly equal to the thickness d.
4. The electro-optical device according to claim 1,
  - the first substrate comprising a plurality of data lines, a plurality of scanning lines intersecting the data lines, a plurality of thin film transistors provided in corresponding to the plurality of data lines and the plurality of scanning lines.
- 30 5. The electro-optical device according to claim 4,
  - the first substrate including:
    - a plurality of projections formed in a position corresponding to a spacing between the adjacent pixel electrodes which are driven by mutually opposite polarity.

6. The electro-optical device according to claim 5,  
further comprising:  
a plurality of capacitor lines being formed along the scanning  
lines,  
5 the projections being formed in an area where the scanning line  
and the capacitor line are formed.
7. The electro-optical device according to claim 4,  
the second substrate including a plurality of projections formed in a  
position corresponding to a spacing between the adjacent pixel electrodes which are  
10 driven by mutually opposite polarity.
8. The electro-optical device according to claim 1,  
the electro-material being a vertically aligned liquid crystal.
9. A projector, comprising:  
a light valve including the electro-optical device according to claim 1;  
15 and  
a projection optical system.